



## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### GENERAL SHAFTER'S ARMY IS IN CUBA.

The Hawaiian Annexation Resolution went through the House last week with a large vote.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—At last General Shafter's army is in Cuba, and unless somebody at the Washington end gets rattled over the reported sailing of a Spanish fleet from Cadiz, bound in the direction of Cuba, and issues orders that will prevent, this is likely to be a hot week in the vicinity of Santiago. The first fleet of transports is due at Manila today, and Dewey is not likely to wait for Gen. Merritt, who is just about ready to start from San Francisco with the third and last fleet of transports, before taking Manila.

It is semi-officially announced that at the last Cabinet meeting it was decided that more troops would be needed, and that another call for volunteers would be issued shortly, probably this week. It would seem that more use should be made of the troops we already have before asking more men to volunteer.

Although Secretary Alger has positively denied the story that owing to quarrels between himself and Gen. Miles, who is now in Washington, the latter had been virtually deposed from the command of the army, the talk of friction between them continues, and even goes so far as to say that Mr. McKinley intends directing the movements of the army himself. The change of plan by which Gen. Miles is to go to Porto Rico in command of the invading army now being prepared for that expedition is said to have been caused by this disagreement, and to have been the proposition of Gen. Miles himself, who preferred being responsible for one army over which he would have absolute control to being held responsible for the movements of all our troops and being hampered by civilian control. It is announced that the invasion of Porto Rico is to take place before the Spanish fleet alleged to have sailed from Cadiz can get to Porto Rico. If the reported starting of this Spanish fleet results in hurrying up things a little, it will be an almighty good thing. Similar reports in the past have resulted in hanging up things.

A Democratic caucus of the House is to be held this week to determine whether the party shall return to the old method, suspended since the civil war, of compelling all participants in a party caucus to abide by the decision of the caucus.

While members of the administration profess to believe that the insurgents in the Philippines are acting in accordance with an agreement made with Admiral Dewey, it is well known that they are more or less worried over the news announcing the declaration of an independent government by the Philippine insurgents. No official will say what are to be the relations of Gen. Merritt, who is to command the army sent to the Philippines as well as be military governor of the islands, with the insurgents. It begins to look as though there might be more serious trouble in those islands than whipping the Spaniards who are there. The administration was certainly not expecting the insurgents to set up an independent government when instructions were prepared for the military government, to be established by Gen. Merritt, to collect tariff duties on importations to the islands.

Although there are about thirty Senators who are opposed to the adoption of the Hawaiian annexation resolution, which went through the House last week by a large vote that the Czar was compelled to keep his room, under plea of sickness, for several days, and which is now the "unfinished business" of the Senate, it is not believed even by themselves, that they can prevent a vote being reached and the resolution adopted by the Senate. It has been decided that the opposition should do all the talking during the debate; also that Congress shall not be allowed to adjourn until the resolution is voted upon. This brings it down to a question of the endurance of the opponents of annexation, should they decide to fight to the last ditch; but it is considered likely that they will allow a vote to be taken in the course of a week or two—one very close observer of things legislative is so confident of this that he has wagered the cost of an elegant dinner for eight gentlemen that the vote will be taken before the 4th of July. The whole power of the administration is being used to bring about a vote.

A larger proportionate number of Democrats in the Senate will vote for the resolution than in the House, where eighteen voted for it, and a few who favored annexation refrained from voting in deference to the large party majority against it. In the

House the Populists divided evenly on the question, and there is about the same division among the Populist Senators, although Senator Butler, of N. C., and Pettigrew, of S. Dakota, are among the leaders of the opposition to annexation.

The resolution tendering the thanks of Congress to Lieutenant Hobson and the volunteer crew of the Merrimac, and authorizing the President to advance Hobson to the rank of lieutenant commander, offered in the Senate by Senator Morgan and in the House by Representative Underwood, will be promptly adopted by Congress. There has been a hitch in the exchange of Hobson and his men, but officials are confident that the exchange will shortly be accomplished, as it has been officially stated at Madrid that the Spanish government had authorized Gen. Blanco to make the exchange.

### SPAIN SIGHS FOR PEACE.

It is not surprising, says the World, that persistent rumor represents the Government of Spain as making indirect advances for peace. Spain did not enter upon war with the United States in any hope of success. She was driven to it, as one of her Ministers has confessed, solely by her sense of honor to prevent a revolution at home.

Spain is now anxious for peace quickly, in order to save something out of the wreck that will follow a war to the finish. Senor Carranza, former Naval Attache of the Spanish Legation at Washington, admits as much in the private letter which was captured and published:

"I think if we are to have any success in this matter it will be through treating for peace by yielding Cuba and having them recognize the debt. If we do not do this soon it will be too late, and we shall lose Cuba and Porto Rico and all that this war has cost us, and in addition we shall be charged with the Cuban debt, for which our treasury is responsible. There is no doubt here that we cannot continue this war, in which we have nothing to gain and may lose our three colonies and be ruined for fifty years."

This is the cold truth, obvious to all dispassionate observers.

Who, then, is responsible for prolonging the war and making it a serious matter? Who is depriving Spain of a decent pretext for giving up the hopeless contest? Is it not Mr. McKinley, who was at first opposed to any war, and when war became inevitable adopted the policy of so conducting it as to hurt the Spaniards as little as possible?

It is this policy which first astonished and then encouraged the Spanish Government to make a braver show of resistance. Whatever Mr. McKinley's motive may have been—it was perhaps only a mistaken kindness—this was the effect of his policy.

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### Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Mary J. Odenkirk desires to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted them during the illness and death of Miss Jane Porter.

During the summer of 1891, Mr. Charles P. Johnson, a well-known attorney at Louisville, Ky., had a very severe attack of summer complaint. Quite a number of different remedies were tried, but failed to afford any relief. A friend who knew what was needed procured him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy, which quickly cured him and he thinks, saved his life. He says that there has not been a day since that time that he has not had this remedy in his household. He speaks of it in the highest praise and takes much pleasure in recommending it whenever an opportunity is offered. For sale by S. M. Swartz, Tusseyville; F. A. Carson, Potters, Mills; J. H. Ross, Linden Hall, and H. F. Rossman, Spring Mills.

### THE VESUVIUS CAN DESTROY A CITY.

The dynamite cruiser Vesuvius is 280 feet long, 26 feet beam, 8 feet draught and has a speed of more than 21 knots.

The Vesuvius has a battery of three pneumatic guns, mounted in the bow at a fixed angle of 18 degrees. The guns are 55 feet long, 15 inches bore, and built rigidly into the vessel.

What can she do? She can drop 500 pounds of nitro-gelatin nearly two miles away with accuracy. She can repeat this feat fifteen times in ten minutes. That means three and three-quarter tons of high explosive thrown upon the enemy's ships or forts.

The destructive power of such a broadside is almost beyond computation. It is enough to destroy a city.

The moral effect of a bombardment by the Vesuvius must be tremendous. The dynamite cruiser Nichterth put an end to the late Brazilian revolution without firing a shot. Her mere presence was enough.

Where a shell strikes from one of the guns of the Vesuvius the havoc is awful. One of her projectiles dropped in the midst of a regiment would eliminate it from the war. If any man in the regiment was not torn to bits, he would not be fit for fighting.

Against a ship the Vesuvius will be deadly. One of her big shells dropping on the deck would crush through the armor and, exploding in a vital part, shatter the ship. If one of these shells explodes in the air or in the water within fifty feet of a ship of war it would crush her side or bottom and sink her. If one of these shells explodes within fifty yards of a modern man-of-war it will render her useless for fighting, for the detonation will throw the bearings of her engines out of line, dislocate the shaft or jam the neatly fitted parts. Thus the ship will become a mere helpless target.

### QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP.

What Would Have Happened Had Quay Owned Hastings.

Philadelphia Ledger, Rep.: The desire of Matthew Stanley Quay to own a Governor of Pennsylvania has not diminished a jot; indeed, it was naturally increased by his success in effecting the election last fall of his personal candidate for State Treasurer, who is now intrenched in that office. Should Mr. Quay succeed next fall in electing his personally chosen candidate for Governor, his control of the executive departments of the Government of the Commonwealth will be absolute.

Some of the results of such a victory may be fairly inferred by simply assuming that he owned Governor Hastings during the last session of the Legislature, the majority of which was the most corrupt that ever schemed and attempted the robbery of the people. That Senator Quay tried to obtain ownership of the Governor; that he hurried by night from Washington to Harrisburg to secure his ownership when the infamous Quay-Becker bill was under consideration by the Executive; that Governor Hastings rejected his sordid proposals, and immediately afterward vetoed the notorious measure, the purpose of which was to destroy the most wholesome principle of the Ballist charter, are all matters of political history.

Senator Quay was unable to secure the absolute proprietary right he desired in the Governor of Pennsylvania, but had it been otherwise, not only would the Becker bill be now law, but the numerous raids upon the Treasury, organized and conducted with so much rapacity by Quay's venal majority of the Legislature, would have been successful and the enormous aggregate sum they stood for would have been filched from the Treasury.

### Take the Canaries and Attack Cadiz.

At the Cabinet meeting held a few days ago it was practically admitted that the administration intends to take the Canary Islands and also attack Cadiz. It was stated that after the capture of Santiago the entire army and navy will be free to go to Porto Rico, to the Canaries and to Cadiz. Only small armies of occupation and a few protected cruisers will be necessary to maintain the advantages which have been gained in the West Indies.

Referring to the purpose of the administration to make war upon Spain directly by attacking the Canaries and bombarding Cadiz a member of the Cabinet says: "The brand of Cain is on the brow of Spain. The awful roar which reverberated in Havana harbor when the Maine was destroyed still rings in the ears of our people. Spain excited over that act of assassination. The people of Spain will hear the roar of thirteen-inch American guns and will feel the effects of their explosion."

The editor of the Evans City, Pa., Globe, writes: "One Minute Cough Cure is rightly named. It cured my children after all other remedies failed." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung troubles. For sale by Smith & Crawford.

## HO! FOR ALTOONA

### CENTRE COUNTY TO FIGURE IN AT THE CONVENTION.

Great Delegation to Go From Old Centre—D. F. Fortney to Make Jenks' Nominating Speech.

An immense delegation of Centre county Democrats will leave Bellefonte on Wednesday, next, for the state convention at Altoona. Centre is the original Jenks county, his name having first been urged for Governor by the Centre Democrat, and it took like wild-fire all over the state.

D. F. Fortney, Esq., will have the honor of making the nominating speech for Mr. Jenks, and his ability as an orator guarantees an able and eloquent effort.

C. M. Bower, Esq., will be a candidate for superior judge.

### CHAIRMAN GARMAN'S CALL

Democratic Convention to Meet in Altoona on June 29.

Chairman John M. Garman, of the Democratic state committee, issued the following call for the state convention from Democratic headquarters:

"In accordance with the instruction of the Democratic state central committee the Democratic state convention is called to meet at the Eleventh avenue opera house, in the city of Altoona, on Wednesday, June 29, 1898, at 12 o'clock noon, to nominate candidates for the following offices:

"Governor, Lieutenant governor, secretary of internal affairs, judge of the superior court and two congressmen-at-large, and to attend to such other business as may come before the convention.

Delegates upon their arrival in the city will please report at headquarters, at the Logan house."

Relative to the Convention, chairman Garman said to a friend:

"From what I can gather, there is a clearly defined disposition to frame and adopt a platform at the Altoona convention upon which all good Democrats and all good people can stand. There will not be any humiliating surrender of party principles, but neither will there be, I imagine, any declarations that will drive good citizens away from the support of the ticket. The gist of sentiment appears to point in the direction of bridging past differences and mutual forgiveness and forgetfulness of any irritating elements that have kept the party asunder."

### History of Our Flag.

The first United States flag adopted by congress June 14, having the stars and stripes, was made, it is said, out of soldier's white shirt, an old blue army over coat, and a flannel petticoat. It was hoisted by our army at Fort Stanwix, (near Rome), New York, during Burgoyne's campaign in 1777. Paul Jones appears to have first raised this flag at sea. The flag raised by Washington at Cambridge when he took command of the army was the English flag with thirteen red and white stripes added. In the flag adopted by congress, the stars represent all the states, the stripes, the thirteen states.

### Bianco's Men Desert.

Junta advices from the headquarters of the Cuban Civil Government at La Guanaja, in Camaguey, report that more than 5,000 Spanish volunteers and many regulars from Puerto Principe and Nuevas garrisons have deserted to the patriot army. The immediate cause of desertion was the fear of the American fleet.

### REDUCED RATES VIA P. R. R.

Convention National Educational Association, Washington, D. C.

For the National Educational Association Convention to be held at Washington, D. C., July 7 to 12, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from points on its line to Washington and return at rate of single fare for the round trip plus \$2.00 membership fee. These tickets will be sold on, and good going, July 4 to 7, and good to return leaving Washington July 8 to 15, when stamped by Joint Agent at Washington. By depositing ticket with Joint Agent on or before July 12 and on payment of 50 cents the return limit may be extended to August 31. Tickets for side trips from Washington to Gettysburg, Richmond, Old Point Comfort, and Southern battlefields will be on sale at the ticket offices of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in Washington during the continuance of the Convention. June 15-22.

"I think De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve is the finest preparation on the market for piles." So writes John C. Dunn, of Wheeling, W. Va. Try it and you will think the same. It also cures eczema and all skin diseases. For sale by Smith & Crawford.

### SUMMER OUTINGS.

Personally-Conducted Tours via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces the following Personally-Conducted Tours for the Summer and early Autumn of 1898:

To the north (including Watkins Glen, Niagara Falls, Thousand Islands, Montreal, Quebec, Au Sable Chasin, Lakes Champlain and George, Saratoga, and a daylight ride through the Highlands of the Hudson,) July 28 and August 16. Rate \$100 for the round trip from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, covering all expenses of a two-weeks' trip. Proportionate rates from other points.

To Yellowstone Park and the Trans-Mississippi Exposition on a special train of Pullman sleeping, compartment, observation, and dining cars, allowing eight days in "Wonderland" and two days at Omaha, September 1. Rate, \$25 from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington; \$230 from Pittsburg.

Two ten-day tours to Gettysburg, Luray Caverns, Natural Bridge, Virginia Hot Springs, Richmond, and Washington, September 28 and October 19. Rate, \$65 from New York, \$63 from Philadelphia. Proportionate rates from other points.

For itineraries and other information apply to ticket agents, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia. June 16-22.

### Reduced Rates to Nashville

via Pennsylvania Railroad, account Christian Endeavor Convention.—On account of the Christian Endeavor International Convention, to be held at Nashville, Tenn., July 5 to 12, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets of the continuous-passage, ironclad signature form, from stations on its line to Nashville, at rate of single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold, and good going, July 2 to 5; returning, tickets will be good to leave Nashville to July 15, inclusive, except that by depositing ticket with agent of terminal line at Nashville on or before July 15, return limit may be extended to leave Nashville to August 1, 1898, inclusive. 21

### Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Emori Hoforko and Trni Riska, of Gorton Heights, Pa. J. Thomas Keithley, of Philadelphia and Ada M. Dolan, of Bellefonte. A. Reist Rutt, of Bellefonte, and Caroline Bell, of Hunterstown, Adams Co. Pa.

### Reduced Rates to Altoona via P. R. R.

For the Democratic State Convention, to be held at Altoona, Pa., June 29, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell special excursion tickets from stations on its line in the state of Pennsylvania, to Altoona and return, at rate of single fare for the round trip (minimum rate, twenty-five cents). Tickets will be sold June 27, 28, and 29, and will be good to return until July 2, 1898, inclusive.

### Will Serve Ice Cream.

The ladies will serve ice cream, on Mrs. James Bond's lawn tomorrow, Friday evening; proceeds to be used for defraying the expenses in sending the C. E. singing books to Co. B, at Chickamauga.

### Birthday Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Shawver, of Old Fort Hotel, have issued invitations to a birthday party on Monday evening next, in honor of their daughter, Miss Ida's fifteenth birthday.

### Flag Raising at Pleasant Gap.

On last Saturday afternoon the farmers residing near Pleasant Gap raised a beautiful flag at Grange Hall. The speakers were Clement Dale, Esq., and Rev. G. W. Leisher.

### Hog Cholera.

There are several cases of hog cholera in town, and it would be advisable if persons having hogs would use a preventive, in order to keep the disease from spreading.

### Money Order Offices.

The postmaster general has issued orders to the effect that money order offices have been opened at Camp Alger and Chickamauga park for the convenience of the soldier boys.

### The Golden Secret of Long Life.

Keep the head cool, the feet warm and the bowels open. Bacon's Celery King for the nerves is a Vegetable preparation and acts as a natural laxative, and is the greatest remedy ever discovered for the Cure of Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, and all Blood, Liver and Kidney Diseases. Call on G. H. Long, Spring Mills, sole agent, and get a trial package free. Large sizes 50c and 25c.

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### LOCAL ITEMS.

Cullings of More than Ordinary Interest from Everywhere.

Satan Climbed de Philippines, Dewey Cut Him Down.

At a colored camp-meeting recently, says the Atlanta Constitution, the leader lined out the following impromptu hymn:

Satan cuttin' up he shines—  
Try ter take de town;  
Satan climb de Philippines,  
But Dewey cut him down!

O sinners!  
Fly fum Satan frown;  
Satan climb de Philippines,  
But Dewey cut him down!

Satan drownin' in de sea,  
Try ter swim ter town;  
Climb the Philippines—O, me!  
But Dewey cut him down!

O sinners!  
Fly when Satan roun'!  
Satan climb de Philippines,  
But Dewey cut him down!

The wheat fields are coloring for ripening.

Haymaking is likely to crowd harvesting.

The downward jump of wheat was as great as its upward.

A week's cessation of rain told very perceptibly on the flow of springs and streams.

Amanda, widow of David Acker, of Aaronsburg, we are informed is seriously ill.

Michael Shafter, living two miles east of here, reports a light frost this morning.

Will Stiver, beyond Centre Hill, has one of the cleanest farm premises in five counties.

Gen. Shafter has landed his army on both sides of Santiago, and a big fight will be heard of soon.

Nine tenths of the lumber operations in this county are played out—timber districts being exhausted.

Joseph Shaffer, a former well-known resident of Nittany valley, died at Coburn last evening, aged about 75 years.

Cervera is seeking a chance to slip out of Santiago harbor with his fleet, but our ships are outside ready to bag him.

The Logan fire company's picnic at Hecla park, last Saturday, was a success, several thousand persons attended.

Potters Mills has three general stores—two more than in the days of the reign of the Potters when it was a noted point.

Rev. Rearick's appointments for Sunday, June 26: At Centre Hall, 10 a. m.; at Spring Mills, 2 p. m.; at Tusseyville, 7 p. m.

George Michaels is now the owner of a pair of fine bay horses, which he purchased at the horse sale at Bellefonte last Saturday.

Has our town's little building boom ended? Start it up those that have no credit yet on that side of the ledger. Big talk is nix.

On Monday the post-office at Tusseyville was reopened at the residence of Mrs. Maggie Love, who was appointed post-mistress.

Persons who have examined some of the wheat fields, inform us that weevil are damaging the wheat. This pest is also doing harm to the clover.

The 7 Mountain tollgate has been moved about half a mile lower down the road near the school-house, "to catch the Loopers," the reason given.

James Masden, keeper of the toll gate above Millhall, near Lock Haven, fell dead in his garden, last Friday afternoon. Death was due to heart disease.

A trick that was not relished by Daniel Wolf, of Aaronsburg, consisted of a large grape vine in his lot being sawed off under the surface, by some unknown ill-dispositioned party.

Mr. Van Pelt, known to many in this place, father of E. G. Van Pelt, died at his home near Slaterville, N. Y., on Monday evening, aged 91 years. He was a gentleman highly respected by all who knew him.

We learn that some of our farmers wouldn't sell their wheat at the offer of \$1.50, expecting it would go to \$2; then they would have held up for \$2.50. The sudden big drop leaves them disappointed to the amount of about 75c on each unsold bushel.

G. W. Kephart, the veteran, who is well known in Decatur twp., Clearfield county, on May 29, sheared from a Southdown and Cotswold ewe, which was raising a lamb this spring, a coat of wool 10 inches in length, and a wether of same stock a fleece 12 in. long, and a wether of the Cotswold breed a fleece of wool which measured 14 inches in length. The measurement was made when the wool came from the sheep and was its natural length.

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